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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: APPROACH TO ETHIOPIA

1. DELEGATE BUCKLEY APPROACHED ETHIOPIAN PERM REP ZEWDE GABRE-SELLASSIE OCT. 1 ON THE QUESTION OF THE FORTHCOMING KOREAN QUESTION DEBATE, WITH THE VIEW TO SOLICITING ETHIOPIA'S SUPPORT.

2. IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE KNEW THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE ARGUMENTS WE WOULD USE, THOUGH HE SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE WOULD BE CURIOUS TO HEAR ANY FRESH ARGUMENTS OR ANALYSIS OF THE SORT THAT MIGHT BE USED TO INFLUENCE THE THINKING OF HIS SUPERIORS.

3. IN DUE COURSE HE MADE IT PLAIN THAT IF HE HAD HIS OWN WAY, HE WOULD VOTE WITH US, BUT THAT THE LIKELIHOOD WAS THAT THE "BEST" WE COULD HOPE FOR IS THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD ABSTAIN. HE STRESSED TWO REASONS FOR THIS, ONE OF THEM FORMALISTIC, THE OTHER LESS SO.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WOULD BE

AFFECTED BY THE RESOLUTION ON KOREA PASSED AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

4. HE THEN POINTED OUT THE IMPERATIVES OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY, ALLUDING TO THE SUBJECT ONLY ENOUGH TO SUGGEST TO US THE PRESSURES ON HIS GOVERNMENT, NOT ENOUGH TO INVITE US TO DISCOURSE ON THE DISADVANTAGES OF BLOCK VOTING.

5. HE MADE IT PLAIN THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION, NOT THE UN AMBASSADOR, AND HE REMINDED US THAT SAID MINISTER WILL BE VISITING WITH THE SECRETARY. HE LEFT US WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT IF WE DESIRE TO PURSUE THE MATTER ARDENTLY, SECRETARY KISSINGER SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO BRING IT UP.

6. HE BROUGHT UP THE TRADITIONAL POSITION OF THE EMPEROR ON THE NECESSITY FOR JOINT ACTION AGAINST AGGRESSION, AND ADMITTED THAT IT WAS TO HONOR THAT HISTORICAL COMMITMENT THAT ETHIOPIA SENT TROOPS TO KOREA DURING THE WAR. HE AGREES THAT IT WOULD DAMAGE THE INTEGRITY OF THAT COMMITMENT TO VOTE NOW RETRACTIVELY TO ILLEGITIMIZE THE KOREAN INTERVENTION OF 1952. OUR OPINION IS THAT HE WAS INVITING US TO STRESS THIS ARGUMENT IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WE HAD AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

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